

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A composition of matter comprising a supramolecular complex comprising as constituents a block copolymer, having at least one nonionic, water soluble segment and at least one polyionic segment, and at least one charged surfactant having hydrophobic groups, the charge of said surfactant being opposite to the charge of the polyionic segment of said block copolymer, wherein the block copolymer constituent is not crosslinked to form networks, the constituents of said complex are bound by interaction between said opposite charges and between surfactant hydrophobic groups, and with the proviso that when said complex comprises an anionic surfactant having a biological activity, said anionic surfactant has a net charge of no more than about 10.

A marked-up version of the amended claim is attached.